

# Nashville's Business Recycler of the Year Award Application



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**Metro Nashville Public Works, Division of Waste Management's  
recognition program for environmentally responsible businesses in  
Nashville and Davidson County**

**What is the Business Recycler of the Year Award?**

The Business Recycler of the Year Award recognizes businesses in Nashville and Davidson County that go the extra mile to promote waste reduction.

There are many businesses in Nashville, big and small, that make an effort every day to reduce the waste they create and provide a positive impact on the city's environment.

If your company recycles, purchases items made from post consumer recycled content, donates supplies or furniture no longer needed or educates employees about waste management in the work place and at home, we want to hear from you!

**What are the benefits of applying for the award?**

The Business Recycler of the Year Award will publicly recognize your business's concern for the community through environmental improvement. Your customers (and potential customers) want to hear about your recycling efforts, and it's great for employee morale!

Award recipients will be profiled throughout the year in news releases, at public events and on our Web site and through numerous education and media events. Recipients will be recognized at the Nashville Earth Day Festival each April.

**Who's eligible to apply?**

All Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County businesses are eligible to apply. Simply fill out the enclosed form, include a narrative explaining your business' work and either fax or mail it in.

**When is the application due?**

Submit this form no later than February 15th each year, using one of the following methods:

**Mail:** Metro Nashville Public Works, Division of Waste Management, Business Recycler of the Year Award, 939 Dr. Richard Adams Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37207

**E-mail:** [curby@nashville.gov](mailto:curby@nashville.gov) or **Fax:** 862-8619

**How will applicants be judged?**

Nominees will be judged based on several criteria:

1. Recycling rate (total trash disposed vs. total recycled)
2. How education was used to promote recycling
3. Employee participation
4. Ability to show improvements or innovations over previous years

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If you need any assistance or accommodations, please contact Kristen Deitrick, ADA Coordinator, Metro Public Works, 939 Dr. Richard Adams Drive, Nashville, TN 37207; Telephone 615-880-1000.

BUSINESS RECYCLER OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION

## Nominee Information

|                                |   |                |  |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| <b>Business Name:</b>          |   |                |  |
| <b>Contact Name and Title:</b> |   |                |  |
| <b>Address:</b>                |   |                |  |
| <b>Address:</b>                |   |                |  |
| <b>City/State/Zip:</b>         |   |                |  |
| <b>Phone:</b>                  |   | <b>E-mail:</b> |  |
| <b>Application Category:</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business (< 20 employees)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Medium (21 ~ 100 employees)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Large (>100 employees) |                |  |

## 1. Waste Reduction Program Data

Please provide the following information about your recycling program for the last calendar year:

Annual Tons of Trash Disposed (before recycling): \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Cost for Disposal (before recycling): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Tons of Trash Disposed (after recycling): \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Cost for Disposal (after recycling): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Tons Recycled: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dollars Saved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recycler/Processor/Hauler: \_\_\_\_\_

### Breakdown of Material Recycled:

☐ Cardboard    ☐ Office Paper    ☐ Mixed Paper (magazines, newsprint, junk mail, etc.)    ☐ Aluminum Cans  
☐ Metal Cans    ☐ Other Metal (scrap metal)    ☐ Glass Bottles    ☐ Plastic Bottles  
☐ Other Plastic (scrap plastic, shrink wrap, etc.)    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Description of Waste Reduction Efforts

Please describe the waste reduction efforts your business has used in the past calendar year. Feel free to attach additional information or documentation (signs/posters, employee newsletters, etc.) to help explain your waste reduction program.

**3. Education**

Provide a brief description of your company's recycling education program. Also list any environmental programs, activities or accomplishments.

**4. Employee Participation**

How were your employees involved in the program? How were employees made aware of changes or allowed ownership in the program? What was the overall employee response to your waste reduction program?

**5. Community Involvement**

Did your waste reduction efforts affect the community around you? Please describe how.

**6. Additional Comments**

Signature

Date